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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP UNITY TURNOUT

REF: A. 1973 HONG KONG 12392: B. 1973 HONG KONG'S A-306

1. IN A SIGNIFICANT DISPLAY OF UNITY, TOP REGIME LEADERS CHOU EN-LAI, CHIANG CHING (MADAME MAO), AND TENG HSIAO-PING ALL ACCOMPANIED ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE TO THE OPERA (NCNA, FEBRUARY 27). THE LAST TIME TENG AND CHIANG APPEARED TOGETHER PUBLICLY WAS DECEMBER 8 (REF A), PRIOR TO TENG'S PUBLIC ELEVATION TO POLITBURO RANK. THE PRESENT MEET TOOK PLACE ON CHIANG CHING'S HOME GROUND AT A PERFORMANCE OF "TUCHUAN MOUNTAIN," THE CHIANG-APPROVED OPERA WHICH CONTAINS APPARENT ALLUSIONS TO "CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN CHOU AND CHIANG, CAST IN A LIGHT FAVORABLE TO MADAME MAO (REF B).

2. COMMENT. WHILE CHIANG'S IMAGE IS LIKELY ENHANCED WHENEVER SHE PRESIDES OVER STAR-STUDED VIEWINGS OF OPERAS SHE HAS SPONSORED,  
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CHOU IS PROBABLY THE EVENT'S REAL GAINER. THE TURNOUT COUNTERS SPECULATION OF A SERIOUS RIFT WITHIN THE POLITBURO,

SPECULATION BASED PARTLY ON LIKELY RADICAL OBJECTIONS TO TENG'S  
RECENT RETURN TO POWER. AND BY ATTENDING "TUCHUAN MOUNTAIN", CHOU  
PUBLICLY ENDORSES AN OPERA THAT--HE HOPES OBSERVERS WILL REASON--  
COULD NOT THEREFORE POSSIBLY BE AIMED AT HIM.  
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